

Office of the Commissioner of Railroads

Rebuttal Testimony of Matthew Koser of Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (WSOR)

Petition of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Establishment of a Public Crossing
of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, LLC Tracks with Wagon Trail Pathway in the City of
Madison, Dane County

Docket 9170-RX-316

April 15, 2016

1 **Q. Please state your name, business address, and occupation.**

2 A. My name is Matthew Koser. My office is located at 1890 E. Johnson Street, Madison,
3 WI 53704. I am currently the Manager of Safety and Operating Practices for WATCO
4 Companies (Parent Company of Wisconsin & Southern Railroad), and an Authorized
5 Volunteer Presenter for Operation Lifesaver.

6 **Q. Please identify your education, professional qualifications, and work experience.**

7 A. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Superior in Sociology and Criminal
8 Justice. I have been in the railroad industry for 10 years and have spent my entire
9 railroad career with the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad in various positions including
10 engineer, conductor, trainmaster and safety manager.

11 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

12 A. The purpose of my testimony is to recognize the current statistics regarding railroad
13 crossings and trespassing, including the ongoing efforts the railroad industry is doing to
14 make our crossings and rail corridors safe. I also want to testify in Opposition to this
15 petition based on two primary reasons: 1). The petition is driven primarily by the on-
16 going delays of planning and construction of the Glacial Drumlin Trail and the need to
17 establish a new trail terminus on the south side of WSOR tracks in order to secure federal
18 funding; and 2). If a new crossing is approved at this location, this would prevent the

1 WSOR from constructing a new planned 6,625 foot siding in order to better serve our
2 Dane County Customers.

3 **Q. Are you sponsoring any Exhibits?**

4 A. Yes.

5 **Q. Please describe your exhibits.**

6 A. Ex.-WSOR-Koser-1, Written Statement in Opposition to Petition 9170-RX-316

7 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

8 A. Yes, it does